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The Hon. Martin Foley
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Dear Minister

The Victorian Government is to be congratulated for the 23 February 2017 Housing and Homelessness Sector Briefing by yourself and the Treasurer Tim Pallas.

What is of particular importance is the briefing emphasis on a "multi-provider model" and that "industry stakeholders will be consulted."

Co-operative housing, therefore, will be given the opportunity to apply for social housing growth funds, loans and a loan guarantee on an open basis and this openness and flexibility is welcome and I am sure that you will ensure that the procedures and processes established around these important initiatives will not preclude small co-operatives and other small providers e.g. through large management transfers beyond the capacity of small providers to manage and a consultation process that does not directly engage with small co-operatives and other small providers.

Yours in co-operation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Griffiths'.

David Griffiths
Secretary